

**Community Development Committee
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2005 – 8:30 a.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Those present: Dave Grignon, Rick Warrington, Pat Corn, Susan Waukau, Bernard Vigue and Twila Peters was present for Jim Horton who was absent along with David Hawpetoss and Dave Corn (excused). Mary Nunway was also present for the meeting.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review Minutes Dated April 15, 2005-

Motion made by Bernie Vigue to approve the minutes dated April 15, 2005. Motion was seconded by Pat Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Dave Grignon). Motion carried.

4. Discuss/Action on Variance Request for Korn and Reiter-

Committee members were informed that Korn called Legislative Staff to say that he no longer needs the variance because he sold the trailer. Bernie and Rick did not recall any variance request for Reiter.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to table. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

5. Discuss/Action on CMN Land Allocation Request-

At the last meeting some CMN staff were present to ask for approval to use the land across from the College for First Americans Forestlands research and education buildings. Committee didn't like the idea because if the tribe wants to think about future development, that area is prime retail location. Committee asked that CMN come up with alternate areas for the new facilities.

Bernie informed the committee that he met with CMN and they are sticking to their original request.

Committee members would like CMN and Casino staff present at the next meeting to discuss the issue.

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to table. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

6. Discuss/Action on Transportation Plan-

Committee members were given a few different copies of the Transportation Plan and asked to look it over and make any changes. The changes were made and Mary from Community Development would like the committee to recommend the document to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to approve the Transportation Plan 2005-2025 and send to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

7. Discuss/Action on Cemetery Policy Draft and Procedures Draft-

Bernie informed the committee that the two are just drafts and would like the committee to look them over, make their changes and get back to either him or Mary Nunway. Bernie stated that he would like to have the drafts passed and sent to the Menominee Tribal Legislature within 2 or 3 months.

Dave Grignon informed the committee that he sent a letter to Ron Corn Sr., to request that the Bent Tree Addition lots be held until the Historic Preservation Department has the funds to purchase the lots or they should just be turned over to the tribe because the lots may contain archaeological material or human remains associated with several burial mounds.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the issue and decided to put it on the next agenda.

8. STH 47 Wayside-

Bernie informed the committee that he received an inquiry on the old wayside by Middle Village and what to do with that land. Committee went into a lengthy discussion and Bernie will look into the deeds and give the committee an update at the next meeting.

9. Economic Development Committee Status-

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding then need for an Economic Development Committee. No action was taken.

10. Easement Discussion-

Susan stated that she is not sure what is going on with the issue between her and her neighbor and if she has any information she will bring it to the next meeting.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to table. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

11. Committee Goals and Objectives-

Chairman Fish stated that at the next meeting he would like a short narrative on NiiJii and the benchmarks.

Chairman Fish informed committee members that he would like them to think about what tasks/projects they would like to have accomplished before February 2006 when the committee's are re-assigned.

At the next meeting the committee would like to discuss the bylaws.

12. Updates on Tax Exempt Gas, C-Store and Recreation Lease Policy & Procedures.

Chairman Fish stated that he and Bernie need to talk to Jim Horton on the tax exempt gas issue. Something needs to be done because the issue has been just sitting for 4 weeks and nobody is working on it. Chairperson Fish would like to see if the project can get moving so it can be open before the winter months.

At the next meeting Chairman Fish would like a list of all the buildings that the tribe owns and to have executive session on the NiiWin House.

13. Other Business-

Motion made by Rick Warrington to go ahead and discuss the Tobacco Distributorship under other business. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Bernie informed the committee that the tribe's present tobacco distributor, H. Derksen & Sons has an offer to form a partnership with MITW to distribute tobacco and paper products. Approval is needed from Menominee Tribal Legislature to proceed with forming a partnership.

Bernie went over the whole plan with the committee. Committee members went into a very lengthy discussion regarding the issue and are not comfortable approving the offer for partnership and sending it to the Legislature. Committee feels there are too many questions that need answers.

Committee will discuss the issue at the next meeting and Bernie will get better financials.

14. Adjournment-

Motion made by Dave Grignon to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services